

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section on page one with the following:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/649,429, entitled "METHOD FOR FORMING A PLANARIZING PAD FOR PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES," filed August 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. _____, 6,736,869, issued _____; May 18, 2004; and is related to U.S. Patent Application No. _____ [~~Attorney Docket No. 108298404US1~~] 10/772,540, entitled "PLANARIZING PADS FOR PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES," filed February 5, 2004, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/649,429, both of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entireties.